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1. CAIRO PRESS JUNE 4 PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING SUEZ CANAL REOPENING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED IN PORT SAID AND ISMAILIA JUNE 5.

2. THE CEREMONY WILL START WITH A RECITAL FROM THE HOLY KORAN. DEP PRIMIN/MINWAR GENERAL GAMASSY WILL THEN DELIVER SPEECH AND PRESENT DOCUMENT AUTHORIZING REOPENING OF CANAL TO PRESIDENT SADAT TO SIGN. DOCUMENT WILL BE BROADCAST TO WHOLE WORLD IN FOUR LANGUAGES AND WILL THEN BE HANDED BY GAMASSY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY ENGINEER MASHHOUR AHMAD MAHSHOUR AS AUTHORITY FOR RETURN OF CANAL TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AFTER BEING UNDER ARMY SUPERVISION FOR EIGHT YEARS. PRESIDENT SADAT WILL ALSO SPEAK ON WORLD-WIDE BROADCAST.

3. CEREMONY WILL BE HELD BY ARMED FORCES AT A BIG MARQUEE FACING GOVERNORATE BUILDING IN PORT SAID AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY VICE PRES HOSNI MUBARAK, HIGH RANKING GOE OFFICIALS, ARAB DEFENSE MINISTERS,
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FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, MILITARY ATTACHES, COMMANDERS

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OF THE ARAB ARMED FORCES, REPRESENTATIVES OF MARI-
TIME COMPANIES AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCES. (SPECIAL GUESTS
WILL DEPART CAIRO 0430 LOCAL TIME.)

4. ONCE REOPENING CEREMONY IS OVER AND CIVIL
ADMINISTRATION TAKES OVER, NAVAL PROCESSION WILL
TAKE PLACE WITH EGPTIAN DESTROYER "OCTOBER 6"
LEADING THE WAY. ON BOARD WILL BE PRES SADAT,
VICE PRES, CROWN PRINCE OF IRAN, PRIMIN, MIN OF
WAR, CHAIRMAN OF SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY, AND
COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES CORPS WHICH
PARTICIPATED IN THE OCTOBER WAR AS WELL AS A NUMBER
OF WAR HEROES. AMBASSADORS AND OTHER INVITED
GUESTS WILL EMBARK ON THE PASSENGER SHIP, "SYRIA".
NAVAL PROCESSION WILL PROCEED THROUGH CANAL TO
ISMAILIA AT APPROX 1100 ARRIVING AFTER SIX HOUR
VOYAGE. SQUADRONS OF EGYPTIAN FIGHTERS WILL FLY
OVER PROCESSION.

5. GOVERNOR OF ISMAILIA WILL MEET WILL MEET SADAT ON ARRIVAL AND
PRESENT HIM WITH A SILVER PLATE AND GOLDEN
KRAN AS GIFT FROM INHABITANTS OF ISMAILIA. GOVERNOR
WILL THEN PRESENT IANIAN CROWN PRICE WITH KEY
TO CITY.

6. SADAT AND THE PARTY ACCOMPANYING HIM WILL THEN GO
TO THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY BUILDING WHERE HE
WILL UNVEIL MEMORIAL AT ENTRACE. PRES
WILL SPEND THE NIGHT AT ISMAILIA, AND IN THE MORNING
(JUNE 6) HE WILL VISIT THE MARTYRS' GRAVES
AND THEN LEAVE BY AIR FOR SUEZ.
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